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**DMV Bulletin – Salvage Vehicles**

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**On June 6, 2003, Governor Mark Sanford signed Senate Bill 478 amending the Salvage Law – Sections 56-19-480 and 56-19-5478.**

**All vehicles regardless of year of manufacture that sustain 75% or greater damage will be issued a salvage title. There are two exceptions to this change in the law.**

- 1) A vehicle with a value of \$2,000.00 or less and**
- 2) An antique vehicle defined as 25 years old or older.**

**If the vehicle is valued at \$2,000.00 or less this must be noted on the Form 400, Application for Title and Registration, Section 3.**

**The new law also requires the \$15.00 title fee to be charged for all titles issued (including salvage titles). If the vehicle is obtained by an insurance company in settlement of a claim or if the vehicle is left with the claimant after being declared a total loss, the insurance company must pay the \$15.00 title fee for all titles issued.**

**Revised title applications are available on the DMV web site [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com) which reflects the new fee of \$15.00**

**These changes will be effective August 1, 2003.**

**If you have any questions regarding this amendment to the salvage law, please contact the Department of Motor Vehicles at 803-737-4000.**